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SUBJECT: IMCO: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MARINE

POLLUTION: US DEL ARRANGEMENTS

REF: ODELL-FORD DISCUSSIONS

SUMMARY: PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR US DEL TO SUBJECT CONFERENCE REVIEWED. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) EARLY INFORMATION US DEL (PARA 2); (B) SUBMISSION OF CREDENTIALS (PARA 3); (C) PROVISION OF SECRETARIAL SERVICE AND AUTHORIZATION FOR RECRUITMENT OF TYPIST (PARA 4); (D) HIRE OF AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES FOR US DEL (PARA 5); (E) AUTHORIZATION OF REPRESENTATION FUNDS (PARA 6); EARLY ARRIVAL OF SECRETARY OF DELEGATION (PARA 7). END SUMMARY.

1. DELEGATION OFFICE SPACE. EMBASSY HAS RESERVED FOR US DEL TO CONFERENCE THE SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE SUITE CONSISTING OF CONFERENCE ROOM, OFFICE FOR US REP WITH ADJOINING OFFICE FOR SECRETARY, AND SEVERAL OTHER OFFICES FOR USE OF DELEGATION MEMBERS. SUITE RESERVED FROM MONDAY, OCTOBER 1 TO SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

2. SECURITY. RECOMMEND THAT LIST OF ALL ACTUAL OR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS US DEL BE PROVIDED AS LONG AS POSSIBLE IN ADVANCE OF CONFERENCE SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE MADE TO ADMIT MEMBERS TO EMBASSY FOR DELEGATION MEETINGS, PARTICULARLY OUT OF OFFICE HOURS, AND TO USE UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHER FACILITIES OF EMBASSY.

3. CREDENTIALS. US DEL CREDENTIALS SHOULD ARRIVE FOR SUBMISSION TO IMCO SECRETARY GENERAL FEW DAYS BEFORE OPENING OF CONFERENCE ON OCTOBER 8. ACCREDITATION LIST SHOULD BE AS COMPLETE AS POSSIBLE BUT THERE IS NO PROBLEM IN PRESENTING CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO LIST DURING COURSE OF CONFERENCE.

4. SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE. WE RECOMMEND THAT SECRETARY CLEARED UP TO SECRET BE PROVIDED BY WASHINGTON FOR USE OF US DEL LEADERS. IN ADDITION IT WILL PROBABLY BE NECESSARY TO HAVE SERVICE OF TYPIST TO TYPE MEMORANDA, DRAFTS AND REPORTS OF DELEGATION MEMBERS. EMBASSY MAY BE ABLE RECRUIT US EMPLOYEE DEPENDENT FOR THIS JOB AND IF DEPARTMENT AGREES, AUTHORIZATION SHOULD BE PROVIDED SOONEST AS LONG LEAD-TIME NEEDED TO FILL THIS TYPE OF POSITION.

5. TRANSPORTATION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT US DEL MAY BE LED BY TWO REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL ATTEND FIRST FEW DAYS OF CONFERENCE AND RETURN FOR LAST FEW DAYS, AND THAT ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE WILL LEAD DELEGATION IN INTERIM. IF THIS IS IN FACT THE PLAN, BOTH REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD HAVE CAR FOR USE DURING PERIODS OF THEIR ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE. ONE OF CARS SHOULD BE AT DISPOSAL OF ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE DURING TIME HE IS IN CHARGE. TAXI SERVICE IN LONDON IS RELATIVELY INEXPENSIVE AND GENERALLY GOOD EXCEPT AT RUSH HOURS AND DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER. TO PROVIDE ASSURED TRANSPORTATION, PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE OF US DEL WHOSE PRESENCE AT GIVEN CONFERENCE SESSION IS IMPERATIVE, WE SUGGEST HIRE OF MICROBUS OR SIMILAR VEHICLE THAT WOULD BE USED TO FERRY MEMBERS BETWEEN EMBASSY AND CONFERENCE SITE AT CHURCH HOUSE. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED AUTHORIZE EMBASSY TO HIRE THESE VEHICLES AS PROPOSED. EMBASSY MOTOR POOL WILL ALSO HELP IN PROVIDING ESSENTIAL TRANSPORT DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS. ASSUME THAT SECRETARY OF US DEL WILL GENERALLY OVERSEE USE OF VEHICLES HIRED FOR DELEGATION.

6. REPRESENTATION. WE ASSUME US REPS WILL WANT TO HOLD  
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US DEL RECEPTION. WE SUGGEST THAT TO FACILITATE LOBBYING SUPPORT FOR US POSITIONS REPRESENTATIVES AND THEIR ALTERNATE BE PROVIDED ALSO WITH FUNDS TO ENTERTAIN KEY INDIVIDUALS OR SMALL GROUPS AT WORKING LUNCHEONS OR DINNERS. ALTHOUGH TOO EARLY TO ESTIMATE WITH ANY ACCURACY NUMBER OF COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT WILL PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE, IMCO SECRETARIAT BELIEVES THAT, JUDGING BY ATTENDANCE AT RECENT IMCO CONFERENCES

AND CONSIDERING WORLD-WIDE INTEREST IN ENVIRONMENTAL

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OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS. ABOUT 80 TO 90 COUNTRIES AND 20 OR MORE IGO'S AND NGO'S TENTATIVELY EXPECTED. IN PREPARING GUEST LIST FOR PROPOSED RECEPTION IT WOULD SEEM NECESSARY TO INCLUDE TWO FROM EACH DELEGATION (IN SOME CASES MORE THAN TWO). IN ADDITION TO ALL MEMBERS OF US DEL, RANKING OFFICERS OF EMBASSY AND 15 TO 20 MEMBERS OF IMCO SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE INVITED. SOME PROSPECTIVE INVITEES WILL BE ACCOMPANIED IN LONDON BY SPOUSES AND IT WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE THEM. VERY ROUGH ESTIMATE OF INVITATION LIST AS OF NOW WOULD BE ON ORDER OF 300. EMBASSY CATERER HAS QUOTED PER CAPITA PRICE OF ONE POUND 30 PENCE (ABOUT \$3.25 AT PRE-SENT EXCHANGE RATE). WE HAVE TENTATIVELY BOOKED WITH CATERER WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10 FOR PROPOSED US RECEPTION AND HAVE ENTERED FUNCTION ON IMCO CONFERENCE SOCIAL SCHEDULE FOR THAT DATE. WHILE DATE IS RELATIVELY EARLY IN CONFERENCE PERIOD, WE CHOSE IT IN VIEW PROBABILITY PRINCIPALS OF US DEL WILL BE PRESENT AT THAT TIME. SECRETARY GENERAL RECEPTION SCHEDULED FOR OPENING DATE OF OCTOBER 8 AND UK HOST GOVERNMENT RECEPTION SET FOR FUNCTIONS, WE WOULD GIVE VERY ROUGH ESTIMATE OF \$300 BASED ON PER CAPITA LUNCHEON COST OF ABOUT FIVE POUNDS. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED PROVIDE SUPPLY US DEL INVITATION

CARDS AND ENVELOPES.

7. SECRETARY OF DELEGATION. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT  
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SECRETARY OF DELEGATION ARRIVE LONDON IN ADVANCE OPENING  
OF CONFERENCE IN ORDER FINALIZE ARRANGEMENTS AND ESTAB-  
LISH LIAISON WITH IMCO CONFERENCE STAFF, PARTICULARLY  
WITH RESPECT CONFERENCE DOCUMENTATION.

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